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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 4, 2006, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on August 4, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.